

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

(2) encourages States, territories, and possessions of the United States and local communities to support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

(3) encourages media organizations to participate in Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and help educate the public about multiple sclerosis;

(4) commends the efforts of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States and local communities that support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

(5) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of the people of the United States to combating multiple sclerosis by promoting awareness about the causes and risks of multiple sclerosis, and by promoting new education programs, supporting research, and expanding access to medical treatment; and

(6) recognizes all people in the United States living with multiple sclerosis, expresses gratitude to their family members and friends who are a source of love and encouragement to them, and salutes the health care professionals and medical researchers who provide assistance to those living with multiple sclerosis and continue to work to find cures and improve treatments.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 592. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

SA 593. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 594. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 598. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 599. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 600. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 601. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 602. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 603. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 592. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. CONTINUING 2008 FUNDING LEVELS.

Section 106(3) of Public Law 110-329 is amended by striking “March 6, 2009” and inserting “September 30, 2009”.

SA 593. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS.

None of the funds in this Act may be used for any project listed in the statement of managers that is not listed and specifically provided for in this Act.

SA 594. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of Division I, Title I, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in Division I, Title I of this Act, for the Department of Transportation may be available for the Pleasure Beach Water Taxi Service in Connecticut, and the amount made available under such title is reduced by \$1,900,000.

SA 595. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of Division A, Title I, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in Division A, Title I of this Act, for the Agricultural Research Service under the heading “Salaries and Expenses” may be available for swine odor and manure management research in Ames, Iowa, and the amount made available under such heading is reduced by \$1,791,000.

SA 596. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1120, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

PROHIBITION ON NO-BID EARMARKS

SEC. 414. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to make any payment in connection with a contract unless the contract is awarded using competitive procedures in accordance with the requirements of section 303 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253), section 2304 of title 10, United States Code, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be awarded by grant or cooperative agreement unless the process used to award such grant or cooperative agreement uses competitive procedures to select the grantee or award recipient.

SA 597. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII in Division A, before the short title, insert the following:

SEC. 7. Any State Conservationist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture may use funds received by the State Conservationist during fiscal year 2009 for purposes of the environmental quality incentives program established under chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.) to carry out the watershed rehabilitation program under section 14 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1012).

SA 598. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 135, line 6, strike the period and insert “of which \$12,000,000 shall be available for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights

Crime Act established under Public Law 110-344.”.

SA 599. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 541, strikes lines 1 through 10 and insert the following:

(1) the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce may withdraw or repromulgate the rule described in subsection (c)(1) in accordance with each requirement described in subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Administrative Procedure Act”), except that the public comment period shall be for a period of not less than 60 days; and

(2) the Secretary of the Interior may withdraw or repromulgate the rule described in subsection (c)(2) in accordance with each requirement described in subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Administrative Procedure Act”), except that the public comment period shall be for a period of not less than 60 days.

SA 600. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 494, line 15, strike “are rescinded” and insert “are rescinded: *Provided further*, that \$5,000,000, to be derived from the Forest Management account, shall be made available to fund the Tongass Timber Fund in the same manner in which the Tongass Timber Fund has been funded during prior fiscal years”.

SA 601. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be made available to Planned Parenthood for any purpose under title X of the Public Health Service Act.

SA 602. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1121, line 5, strike “143, 144,” and insert “144”.

On page 1121, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 102. Section 143 of division A of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329; 122 Stat. 3580) is amended by striking “shall” and all that follows through the end and inserting “is amended by striking ‘11-year’ and inserting ‘22-year’.”.

SA 603. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1121, line 5, strike “143, 144,” and insert “144”.

On page 1121, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 102. Section 143 of division A of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329; 122 Stat. 3580) is amended by striking “shall” and all that follows through the end and inserting “is amended by striking ‘Unless’ and all that follows through the end.”.

SA 604. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1121, line 5, strike “143, 144,” and insert “144”.

On page 1121, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 102. Section 143 of division A of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329; 122 Stat. 3580) is amended by striking “shall” and all that follows through the end and inserting “is amended by striking ‘11-year’ and inserting ‘17-year’.”.

SA 605. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1122, after line 10, add the following:

SEC. 104. The head of each agency or department of the United States that enters into a contract shall require, as a condition of the contract, that the contractor participate in the pilot program described in 404 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-209; 8 U.S.C. 1324a note) to verify the employment eligibility of—

(1) all individuals hired during the term of the contract by the contractor to perform employment duties within the United States; and

(2) all individuals assigned by the contractor to perform work within the United States the under such contract.

SA 606. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1122, after line 10, add the following:

SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110-343; 122 Stat. 3765) or in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) may be used to provide funds to a person under a contract with an agency or department of the United States if—

(1) the person does not participate in the pilot program described in section 404 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-209; 8 U.S.C. 1324a note); and

(2) the contract was entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 607. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 927, strike line 14 and all that follows through page 929, line 20, and insert the following:

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under the heading “International Organizations and Programs” in this Act that are available for UNFPA and are not made available for UNFPA because of the operation of any provision of law, shall be transferred to the “Global Health and Child Survival” account and shall be made available for family planning, maternal, and reproductive health activities, subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS IN CHINA.—None of the funds made available under “International Organizations and Programs” may be made available for the UNFPA for a country program in the People’s Republic of China.

(d) CONDITIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under “International Organizations and Programs” for fiscal year 2006 for the UNFPA may not be made available to UNFPA unless—

(1) the UNFPA maintains amounts made available to the UNFPA under this section in an account separate from other accounts of the UNFPA;

(2) the UNFPA does not commingle amounts made available to the UNFPA under this section with other sums; and

(3) the UNFPA does not fund abortions.

(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS AND DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives indicating the amount of funds that the UNFPA is budgeting for the year in which the report is submitted for a country program in the People’s Republic of China.

(2) DEDUCTION.—If a report submitted under paragraph (1) indicates that the UNFPA plans to spend funds for a country program in the People’s Republic of China in the year covered by the report, the amount of such funds that the UNFPA plans to spend in the People’s Republic of China shall be deducted from the funds made available to the UNFPA after March 1 for obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of the President to deny funds to any organization by reason of the application of another provision of this Act or any other provision of law.

SA 608. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for

other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 135, line 6, strike the period and insert “of which \$10,000,000 shall be available for grants to state or local law enforcement for expenses to carry out prosecutions and investigations authorized by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act established under Public Law 110-344.”.

SA 609. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available under this Act may be obligated or otherwise expended for any congressionally directed spending item for any client of a lobbying firm under Federal investigation, including the PMA Group of Arlington, Virginia.

SA 610. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds made available under this Act may be obligated or otherwise expended for any congressionally directed spending item for—

- (1) the Pleasure Beach Water Taxi Service Project of Connecticut;
- (2) the Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy of Michigan;
- (3) the Polynesian Voyaging Society of Hawaii;
- (4) the American Lighthouse Foundation of Maine;
- (5) the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid on the arsenal at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park in West Virginia;
- (6) the Orange County Great Park Corporation in California;
- (7) odor and manure management research in Iowa;
- (8) tattoo removal in California;
- (9) the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Nevada;
- (10) the Iowa Department of Education for the Harkin grant program; and
- (11) the construction of recreation and fairgrounds in Kotzebue, Alaska.

SA 611. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 106, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 112. None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be used by the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe any rule, regulation, policy, doctrine, standard, guideline, or other requirement that has the purpose or effect of reinstating or repromulgating (in whole or in part) the requirement that broadcasters present or ascertain opposing viewpoints on issues of public importance, commonly referred to as the “Fair-

ness Doctrine”, as such doctrine was repealed in *In re Complaint of Syracuse Peace Council against Television Station WTVH*, Syracuse New York, 2 FCC Rcd. 5043 (1987).

SA 612. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 131, line 1, strike “\$546,000,000” and insert “\$146,000,000”.

On page 458, after line 25, insert the following:

EMERGENCY FUND FOR INDIAN SAFETY AND HEALTH

For deposit in the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health established by subsection (a) of section 601 of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C. 443c), for use by the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with that section, \$400,000,000.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on issues related to a bill to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Gina_Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Michael Connor at (202) 224-5479 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a legislative hearing to examine draft legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased federal siting authority and regional transmission planning.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Gina_Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Leon Lowery at (202) 224-2209 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BAUCUS, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff of the Finance Committee be allowed on the Senate floor for the duration of the debate on the Omnibus appropriations package: Hun Quach, Rachel Poynter, Michael London, Rory Murphy, Dan Gutschenritter, Pete Harvey, Adam Glasier, and Vincent Mascia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 9.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 9) supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 9) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 9

Whereas multiple sclerosis can impact men and women of all ages, races, and ethnicities; Whereas more than 400,000 people in the United States live with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas approximately 2,500,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas it is estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 children and adolescents are living with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas the exact cause of multiple sclerosis is still unknown;

Whereas the symptoms of multiple sclerosis are unpredictable and vary from person to person;

Whereas there is no laboratory test available for multiple sclerosis;